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at least about 91% of the nicotinic acid dose administered is absorbed at about 7.3 hours following ingestion at the end of the second phase.

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release nicotinic acid formulation is deconvoluted using the Wagner-Nelson method, wherein the stair-stepped absorption profile is generally characterized by three phases in which

nicotinic acid is absorbed at a rate of up to about 9% of the nicotinic acid dose administered per hour between about 1 and about 4 hours following ingestion at the end of the first phase; and

nicotinic acid is absorbed at a rate of between about 14% and about 26% of the nicotinic acid dose administered per hour between about 5 and about 8 hours following ingestion at the end of the second phase.

(4) An intermediate release nicotinic acid formulation of claim 3, wherein the nicotinic acid absorption rate mean for the first and second phases is:

about 3% of the nicotinic acid dose administered per hour at about 2.3 hours following ingestion at the end of the first phase; and

about 19% of the nicotinic acid dose administered per hour at about 7.3 hours following ingestion at the end of the second phase.

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